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FBIB PROGRESS REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1947

1. The following developments represent significant progress made by FBIB during the month of February, 1947:

a. Classification survey conducted by the Classification and Salary Administration Division, Office of Personnel and Administration, was started on February 12.

b. Liaison with Director of Intelligence, War Department, has improved considerably. The FBIB liaison officer is now able to interview the Chiefs of Branches within the War Department Intelligence Division and to determine more accurately the needs of their particular Branches.

c. Arrangements have been made at the request of ORE to extend "A" Wire service to that Office.

d. Projects Review Committee has approved the transfer of the []

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e. Reconnaissance for a suitable site to which the [] Mission may be transferred is being conducted. [] has been selected as a suitable site and recommendations to this effect have been submitted to the Office of Operations.

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f. New monitoring coverage is being obtained of Moscow in Mandarin

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g. Conferences with G-2, Seoul, Korea by the Chief of the FBIB Pacific Mission have resulted in an agreement to relieve G-2, Korea, of monitoring Korean-language broadcasts from North Korea and Moscow (via Siberian relays) by FBIB coverage in [] Pending the transfer to [] of an FBIB Korean monitor from [], G-2, Korea will furnish FBIB with its Korean summaries.

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h. Preliminary tests at [] indicate that much new coverage would be possible there. Tests at [] have been completed, and tests are now in progress on [] Results of tests at the three sites will be compiled [] upon their completion. Communications in [] have been improved to such a degree that no difficulty is now anticipated in obtaining reliable circuits between []

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i. Arrangements have been completed to publish and distribute FBIB Daily Reports in two sections effective February 21, 1947. The "unclassified" section will contain radio intercepts other than private transmissions. The "restricted" section will contain all interception of private transmissions, and its distribution will be limited to approved Government Agencies for official use only.

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j. [] has been furnished data on the variety and extent of FBIB monitoring coverage of the Far East, Latin America, and Near East in an informal exchange preliminary to reciprocity negotiations, and has expressed appreciation.

k. FBIB, London has arranged to furnish General Clark and Ambassador Murphy with special topical reports.

l. In the Special Services Section of the Editorial Division the following major changes have been made:

(1) Distribution list has been rearranged to show sub-division breakdown within each agency receiving FBIB publications.

(2) A separate list of clients to receive the "restricted" section of FBIB Daily Report has been prepared.

(3) Books, documents, maps, etc. for use as reference material in the Special Service Section have been catalogued and filed for immediate reference.

(4) Surplus material not used in the publication of Daily Reports is being filed by geographical areas as well as subject matter, thus facilitating research for special reports.

(5) A new cataloguing system to cover complete broadcasts monitored by all FBIB stations has been initiated.

m. The workload of the Service Division has increased considerably, primarily as follows:

(1) Distribution of Daily Report has increased from 961 copies to 1808 copies (an increase of 844 copies daily). In addition, distribution of the Daily Summary has reached 400 copies.

(2) Approximately 900 envelopes are now dispatched daily by mail or special courier.

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